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1. Prior to 14 November 1951, the headquarters, the motor transport Abteilung, the medical Abteilung and the 1st through 3d Kommandos of Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 2735 were located in the Infanterie Kaserne on Knochenhauerstrasse in Meiningen; the 4th Kommando and the 4th through 6th Sonderabteilungen in the Flieger Schule in Suhl; and the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 7th Sonderabteilungen in the Gendarmerie Kaserne in Suhl. The VPD totaled 1,200 to 1,400 men. [] The 4th Kommando had 171 men. Its organization was like that of a standard VPD. 25X1

2. The VPD was equipped with 1 Soviet 152-mm gun, 1 Soviet 122-mm gun and 2 guns of smaller caliber.

3. Officers of the VPD included:

Rank and Name.

VP Chefinspekteur Bertold (fnu)
VP Kommandeur Raubach (fnu)

Appointment.

commanding officer.

deputy commanding

officer and PK officer.

[] staff.

[] of training.

[] of infantry training.

[] of armored training.

Sovietnik.

Sovietnik.

SED secretary.

HVA liaison officer.

commanding officer of 4th Kommando, an ex-officer.

director of training of 4th Kommando, a lawyer by profession who served as a sergeant during the war.

4. By mid-November, the personnel of the 4th Kommando had not yet held any record practice with their guns. Only the commanding officers of the Abteilungen were detached to Zeithain for four-week firing cycles. As the 4th Kommando was equipped with only four guns, gun drill was conducted by the individual Abteilungen alternately. On 3 November, the 4th Kommando was inspected by an officer of the Soviet Control Commission.

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